Reforms in Tihar Jail in Delhi

1625. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that continuous efforts are being made to reform prisoners/under-trials lodged at Tihar Jail in Delhi and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) how many prisoners/under-trials have passed various University examinations during the past ten years including any academic distinctions obtained in this respect; and

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in future to encourage prisoners/under-trials at Tihar Jail to reform them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes. Sir. Details of the efforts made are annexed as Statement. (*See* below)

(b) No records are being maintained in this regard. However, several hundred prisoners appeared for various University examinations from the jail during the last 10 years.

(c) As at (a) above.

Statement

Details of the efforts made are as follows:—

(i) Provision of indoor games and outdoor games apart from supply of newspapers, magazines etc.

(ii) Identifying the drug addicts with a view to weaning them away from the habits of drug addiction.

(iii) Imparting training in various trades like carpentry, weaving and soap/phenyle making.

(iv) Giving of vocational training like sewing, stitching and knitting to female prisoners.

(v) Imparting basic education to juveniles so that they may lead a life of respectful citizens when they are released from the Jail.

(vi) Encouragement to prisoners to appear in various academic examinations.

Communal riots in Ahmedabad

1626. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communal violence broke out in Ahmedabad recently resulting in the death of a number of persons;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the causes leading to the communal violence;

(c) how many times during 1986 communal violence broke out in Ahmedabad and what is the number of persons killed in each of the incidents as a result thereof besides the estimated loss of property; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to prevent frequent eruption of communal violence and to promote communal harmony among the communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, major communal incidents occurred on 30th January, 1987 and on 14th February, 1987 in Ahmedabad. The incident of 30th January, 1987 was on account of slogan shouting by a section of victory procession of an Independent candidate in the civic elections in which ten persons were killed and sixteen persons sustained injuries. Property worth Rs. 1.92 lakhs was destroyed. The incident of 14th February, 1987 occurred consequent to the arrest of a bootlegger Abdul Latif Abdul Wahab of Ahmedabad under Section 142 of the B.P.